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Sch. Florida, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Jessie Costa, 6000 haddock,
5000 cod, 9000 pollock.
Haddock, \$3.75 to \$4.50 per cwt.;
large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$3;
hake, \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$1.75 to \$1.85.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Mina Swim sailed from Can-
so, N. S., Monday.
Schs. Arkona, Lena and Maud and
Blanche were at Liverpool, N. S.,
Monday and cleared.
Sch. Vanessa was at Liverpool, N. S.,
Wednesday for bait and cleared.

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ANOTHER POOR FISHING DAY.

Market Boats Report Heavy Weather Outside.

There is but one arrival here this
morning with fish, sch. Fannie A.
Smith coming from Bonne Bay, N. F.,
with a cargo of salt herring.

Quite a number of vessels came
down from Boston and during the
night many of the shore boats went
out, but about all came back this
forenoon, as it is blowing very hard
outside, and there is no chance for
a set. The torchers brought over 40
barrels of herring.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Bonne Bay,
N. F., 1400 bbls. salt herring, 54 bbls.
pickled herring.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 1200 lbs.
fresh cod.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, via Boston.
Sch. Clara T. Silva, via Boston.
Sch. Little Fannie, via Boston.
Torchers, 40 bbls. herring.
Sch. Hortense, shore.
Sch. Almeida, shore.
Sch. Motor, shore.
Sch. Hockomock, shore.
Sch. Buema, shore.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
Sch. Valentinna, shore.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
Sch. Yankee, shore.
Sch. Minerva, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Manomet, Boston.
Sch. Essex, Newfoundland herring
trip.
Sch. Wm. Matheson, Bucksport.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Hortense, shore.
Sch. Almeida, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
Sch. Lafayette, shore.
Sch. Actor, shore.
Sch. Athena, shore.
Sch. Hope, shore.

Portland Fish Notes.

One of the largest fares landed at
this port for several days, was
brought in Tuesday afternoon by sch.
Edmund Black, when the handsome
schooner landed a fare of 14,000
pounds of mixed fish. The Black was
not the only arrival Tuesday, but
her fare was the largest. The arriv-
als and their fares were: Mineola,
7000; Bernie and Bessie, 1500; Fan-
nie Hayden, 6000; sloop Pantooset,
2500. Total amount landed, 31,000
pounds.

The fishing sch. Mineola, which
came in Tuesday with a fare, had
her mainmast head carried away in a
heavy blow.

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SCH. H. M. STANLEY A TOTAL LOSS.

Birchy Cove Despatch Says She Cannot Be Floated.

A telegram to the Gloucester Mutu-
al Fishing Insurance Company this
morning from Capt. Reuben Camer-
on, at Birchy Cove, states that sch.
Henry M. Stanley, ashore at North
Arm Point, cannot be floated. The
craft will, therefore, be a total loss.

Capt. Cameron also wires that sch.
Clintonia, ashore at Wood Island bar
and floated soon after the gale un-
damaged, was pulled off by the New-
foundland government fishery cruiser
Flona, which craft also floated sch.
Hazel R. Hines.

Capt. English and his good craft
have certainly done two hard and ap-
preciative jobs, and are not only de-
serving of credit, but also recognition.

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California Fisheries.

The Census Bureau places the fish-
eries of California at \$1,969,730. In-
dependent fishermen, 2622; wage ear-
ning fishermen, 1507; vessels, 60, \$453,-
120; outfit (bait, fuel, provisions, etc.),
\$120,202; boats, 2121, \$492,676; appara-
tus of capture, \$501,620; fyke and
hoopnets, 1580, \$7920; gill nets, 3500,
\$363,460; lines, \$8530; parduzella nets,
20, \$7200; seines, 146, \$22,660; trammel
nets, 2537, \$66,560; whaling apparatus,
\$5310; miscellaneous, \$19,980; shore
and accessory property, \$62,800; cash
capital, \$38,500.

Products: Barracuda, 3,204,800 lbs.,
\$87,600; catfish, 1,068,800 lbs., \$55,760;
cod salted, 3,298,100 lbs., \$93,880;
flounders, 3,193,300 lbs., \$79,530; pom-
pano, 88,700 lbs., \$13,290; rockfish, 2,-
319,100 lbs., \$60,320; salmon, 9,171,900
lbs., \$1,470,210; sardines, 4,638,200 lbs.,
\$30,270; sardines, 1,337,200 lbs., \$42,080;
smelt, 717,000, \$40,800; sole, 2,487,200
lbs., \$64,840; striped bass, 1,775,700 lbs.,
\$134,670; yellowtail, 571,500 lbs., \$12,-
780; abalone, 1,235,000, \$21,550; mis-
cellaneous fish, etc., \$122,030.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Despite the adverse condition of the
Labrador fisheries, the Newfoundland
customs revenue for the last four
months equalled that of the same pe-
riod of last year, mainly through the
activity in the recently opened paper
making enterprises.

Montreal capitalists are negotiating
for some large establishments at Rose
Blanche, N. F., with a view to prose-
cuting the fishery there on an exten-
sive scale. Their intention is to export
codfish in a fresh condition to Canada
and the United States.

J. Scalpin, manager of the concern
which is putting up dried squid for
export for food purposes to eastern
countries, was in St. John's, N. F., re-
cently and reported everything work-
ing satisfactory at the time, and
about 15 tons of the food will be
shipped this season.

Recently a Glasgow trawl owner,
with boats stationed at Aberdeen, be-
gan to land fish boxed at sea. Now
several firms are putting carrier
trunks aboard their trawlers. This ob-
viates frequent handling, and as some
packers use paper inside the boxes, the
fish are firm, bright and clean.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Only three vessels came into this
port with fish Wednesday, but as all
had mighty large fares the market
was well supplied. The Marion Tur-
ner landed the largest fare as her
crew shared the profits on the sale of
20,000 pounds of mixed fish. The Mar-
gie Turner brought in 10,000 pounds
and the Defender came in with 2000
pounds.

The fishermen have met with good
success the past few days and are
bringing in large fares. There is a
good demand for all they bring in,
now that prices have fallen to a rea-
sonable figure.

Lobster Production.

The lobster production of the At-
lantic Ocean for the year ending De-
cember 31, 1908, amounted to 15,279,900
pounds, valued at \$1,931,100, according
to the preliminary report of the
United States Census Bureau. The
statistics are confined to the fishing
industry, and do not include whole-
salers or cannerys.

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HERRING PLENTY IN MIDDLE ARM.

Vessels at Bonne Bay Will Probably Go There.

Advices from Bay of Islands state
that herring are now plenty in the
Middle Arm. Herring also continue
in good quantity at Bonne Bay, but
it is expected that many of the craft
now there will return to Bay of Is-
lands to continue loading.

The owners here, as well as the
skippers at the two bays, are expect-
ing frost to strike now any day and
when this does come, frozen herring
will have the call and it will be hard
work to secure salt herring. Should
the frost come soon now, it means a
shortage in the salt herring catch,
and just at present the owners are far
more interested in salt than in frozen
stock.

Sch. Senator Gardner of this port,
with 1400 barrels of salt herring,
bound home from Bonne Bay, N. F.,
was at North Sydney, C. B., Tuesday.
Report of Herring at Fortune Bay
Discredited.

A St. John's, N. F., dispatch of yes-
terday says:

"The herring at Bay of Islands, a
world-famous fishing ground on the
west coast, have migrated 300 miles
to St. Mary's, Placentia and Fortune
Bays on the south coast, and a com-
plete failure of fishery at Bay of Is-
lands for the next 10 or even 20 years
is predicted by experienced fishermen.

"For the last few years, depletion
of the mother herring has been stead-
ily shortening the catch on the west
coast. Now there will be practically
no catch at all.

"Fortune Bay, hereafter to be one
of the centres of the herring fishery,
is filled with thousands upon thous-
ands of the fish."

The dispatch, according to latest
advices here, far from represent the
actual situation, and is considered the
light of an "inspired" article, the in-
tent of which is very evident.

For the last three or four days it
has been known here as stated in the
Times, that herring have struck in
at Bay of Islands and are plentiful in
the Middle and Humber arms and
that loading operations are going on
briskly. Leading herring men here
are in daily communication with par-
ties at Fortune Bay, and the report
from there, even in telegrams receiv-
ed yesterday was "no herring."

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Halifax Fish Advance.

The Maritime Merchant of Hali-
fax says: "Since our last report
there has been a further advance in
bank fish of 15 cents a quintal. This
means that the Lunenburg fisherman
is getting about \$4.50 for his fish,
which ought to be satisfactory. Lo-
cal export business is fair, but not
rushing. Foreign buyers do not seem
to have the same confidence in the
strength of the market as is evidenc-
ed here. They are only buying what
they have to, but in the opinion of
the trade, they will come to it. The
pickled fish market is somewhat im-
proved, prices of Bay of Islands her-
ring being 35 cents higher than they
were some time ago. Stocks are
light, and the demand is becoming
more active for foreign trade."

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Halifax Fish Dealers Unite.

It will be interesting to the fish-
ermen and dealers to learn that all the
fish firms of Halifax, with the ex-
ception of two, have entered a com-
bination for protection of business
and a concentration of their forces.
The combination was made last week,
and the details have not yet been
made public, although it is said that
there is no intention on the part of
the dealers to ask or accept govern-
ment aid in their work.

Round Herring Sales.

The Boston Fish Bureau says it
hears of sales recently of several
hundred barrels of Nova Scotia round
herring at \$4.75 per barrel. They
count about 375 to a salted barrel,
and are in demand, owing to the small
size of the Newfoundland fish com-
ing in, and the light catch of the
same being used to make smoked
bloaters.

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FISH STORY A SWEEP HOLD.

No Receipts For the Past Twenty-Four Hours.

There have been no arrivals here with fish the past 24 hours, and the torches failed to bring over any bait. The shore boats all went out, but the wind sprang up heavy, just after daylight, and it will be no fish day. A few may chance a set, but many of the boats were seen coming back this forenoon.

The arrivals are as follows:

Today's Arrivals.

Sch. Washakie, via Boston.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Motor, shore.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, via Boston.
Sch. Hope, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Smuggler, Newfoundland her-
ring trip.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Rebecca, shore.
Sch. Minerva, shore.
Sch. Yankee, shore.
Sch. Matiana, shore.
Sch. Galatea, shore.
Sch. Seaconnet, shore.
Sch. Stranger, shore.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.
Sch. Valentinna, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, pollocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut 12c per lb.
Board of trade prices:
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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HALIBUT SOLD AT 39 CTS. PER LB.

Small Lot Brought Fancy Price at T Wharf.

One of the off-shore fleet, three pollockers and two of the shore fishing fleet are all that mustered to the Friday call of the T wharf dealers this morning. Fares ran small and prices are still good.

Sch. Terra Nova, from the eastward, had 30,000 pounds of halibut and the dealers ran these up to the more than fancy figures of 39 cents per pound.

The surprise at T wharf yesterday was given by the little schooner Eliza A. Benner, Capt. Horace Hillman. Both are known at the wharf, but neither was expected in such weather as the fishermen have had recently. The Benner and her captain hail from Edgartown, Nantucket, and no one expected that a little 14-ton schooner would attempt to round the cape in December weather.

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But Capt. Hillman saw a chance to make some of the money he recently paid for the Benner, if he could strike the Boston market while prices were still high. He talked the matter over with the five young men who form his crew, and they agreed to try. They fished for two days, and Wednesday started off Sankaty Head to make the run for Boston.

It was a rough trip, and the little schooner had to fight her way up, and if she had not been provided with a 20-horse power engine, she probably would still be fighting with the winds. When Capt. Hillman announced at the exchange that he had 20,000 pounds of fish, the buyers looked incredulous, and it was not until the captain sold 18,000 pounds of haddock, 2000 pounds of cod, 200 pounds of pollock, and 200 pounds of hake, that he was believed. The venture will stock the little vessel more than she has ever made before in one trip, and will give the men a big share.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Volant, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Terra Nova, 15,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 6000 cusk, 400 halibut.
Sch. Pauline, 14,000 pollock.
Sch. Good Luck, 8500 pollock.
Sch. Athena, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Steamer Quoddy, 1000 cod.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks.
Haddock, \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50; market cod, \$3; cusk, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.85; halibut, 39 cts. per lb.

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THE COLD FACTS OF IT.

Now that the excitement of municipal election is passed, it behooves our business men and citizens generally to consider the communication of Manager Edward J. Livingston, of the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company, which appeared in the Times of Saturday last, and which has already become quite a topic of serious conversation.

There is much in the article which is put in the manager's pointblank way of going right at things, while considerable is left to inference. In certain important sections there is much to read "between the lines." The portions left to inference, as well as those between the lines, are not at all hard to see, if one cares to see them. The whole local fresh fish situation is carefully summed up, conditions past and present are laid bare, future conditions are discussed and nothing is omitted; in short, the people of Gloucester are told, and plainly enough, too, that there is grave danger of the company giving up its Gloucester plant and removing wholly to Boston, where it now has a flourishing branch. Or, in other words, a business, which gives the only present competition to T wharf, is facing the fact that unless more vessels land fresh fish at this port, it will be forced to leave its home and make what is now its branch the sole headquarters, thereby losing to the city a \$500 a week pay roll, as well as removing practically the last hope of an increased fresh fish business at this port.

Manager Livingston shows plainly that he and the directors of the company are not opposed to the establishment here of branch houses of present Boston fish concerns, but on the contrary would gladly welcome them, even to the extent of letting to them a part of its plant, the finest fresh fish outfit in the country today, and as such admitted everywhere.

Then the poser comes; where will they all get the fish from to work with when not enough, not anywhere near enough, comes in here now to even supply the wants of the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company? That this statement is true is evidenced by the fact that Manager Livingston has had to buy fares in Boston, in Boston vessels, and have the crafts towed down here to take out in order to get fish to work with. This is not a bluff or an exaggeration; it is a solid fact, already evident to some.

The lease of the present quarters expires in 1911, and, as Manager Livingston says in his communication, the directors are doubting the advisability of tying the company up to another five years lease of the place and already have the refusal of a place

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outside of this city. The directors realize that their branch house at Boston is a good thing and have found out also that they can do all their business in that city and that there is no trouble in getting all the fish there that they need for their trade, and also, (a most important point) the business can be done there a great deal cheaper than under present conditions, considering the small amount of fish secured here to work with.

Manager Livingston well says that with the directors so seriously considering the advisability of removing from here, simply because they cannot get fish fares enough here to work with, now is the time to act, and that if Gloucester wants a part of the fresh fish business she has got to hustle to get it. He also says get the vessels here, let the branch houses of the Boston concerns come if they care to and welcome them; sell every trip at auction to the highest bidder and right at the Board of Trade rooms if necessary. In short he says, do something and do it soon, if not the whole opportunity of having even the semblance of a fresh fish business here may pass for keeps. The directors of the company stand ready to continue business here and even increase the capital if the right encouragement is given.

And what is the right encouragement?

Simply this; In order for the company to remain in business here, in order to encourage other fresh fish concerns to come here or keep up branch houses here, more fresh fish fares must be landed here.

What are the conditions? Sailing out of this port at present, engaged in the winter haddock fishery, are no less than 16 Gloucester vessels. A few, and unfortunately a very few of these crafts, only about four, land their trips here regularly. Once in a great while some of the others may drop in here, perhaps once in a season, with a fare. Some never come here.

The glitter and glamor and excitement of selling at T wharf and the exploded fallacy that off-shore craft fare better there in the run of a season is the chief drawback to many crafts coming here, notwithstanding the fact that the skippers and crews who make as much, or more money than the majority of the regulars coming here, are few or none, in the off-shore fishery.

What is the solution?

The solution is in the hands of the vessel owners and skippers of Gloucester. The whole thing rests in their hands. On them finally comes the responsibility of saying whether or no Gloucester shall continue on the map as a fresh fish landing place, whether the fresh fish business of the place shall increase or pass out of existence, and whether we shall soon see the spectacle of a home formed and owned concern with "Gloucester Fresh Fish Company" on its letter heads and business cards and "Boston" on the same, as its place of doing business.

The solution is plain; what will the answer be?

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Irish Mackerel Fishery.

A letter to the Times from Sidney Gott, formerly of this city, who has for a number of years been engaged in the Irish mackerel business at Seacombe, Ireland, under date of November 27, says that the weather has been very cold there thus far this season for this time of the year. There has been practically no mackerel fishing on the Irish coast for the last two weeks, and the total autumn catch will not exceed 32,000 barrels. The quality has been exceptionally good and the fish run very even in size.

Will Have New Schooner.

Designer McManus of Boston is at work on lines for a new up-to-date fishing vessel to be built by the Cunningham & Thompson Company for Capt. John McKinnon one of the leading master mariners of the port, whose specialty is mackerel seining. The lines have not yet been decided upon, but the craft is expected to show the best endeavors of designer and builder and will be fitted in the most approved manner.